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Programme questions: proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (item 3 (b))**Programme 14****Economic and social development in Africa**

1. At its 14th meeting, on 16 June 2000, the Committee for Programme and Coordination considered programme 14 (Economic and social development in Africa) of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (A/55/6 (Prog. 14)).

2. The representative of the Secretary-General introduced the programme and responded to questions raised during the Committee's consideration of the programme.

Discussion

3. Support was expressed for the programme, which was one of the priority areas of the Organization, and its improved presentation was noted. It was observed that there were clear strategies, expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement in the fascicle. The inclusion of the new subprogramme on promoting trade and mobilizing finance for development was welcomed. In this connection, the need to mobilize additional financial resources for Africa's development was emphasized.

4. It was noted that more coordination with other programmes relating to Africa, in particular programme 8 (Africa: New Agenda for Development), was needed. Cooperation by the Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) with other international organizations, including the Bretton Woods institutions, in particular in the field of macroeconomics, should be strengthened. It was noted that cooperation



with the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) should be also increased. Aside from this, more emphasis is needed on deepening the process of regional cooperation and integration in the region.

5. The view was expressed that besides placing emphasis on the development of modern information and communication technologies, more attention should be given to improvement of traditional means of information and communication and to the related infrastructure which should be created in the countries which lacked it. The view was expressed that distance education, including remote and on-line training and learning, should be reflected in the narrative.

6. It was observed that more details should be provided on different activities of the subregional development centres.

Conclusions and recommendations

7. The Committee recommended that the General Assembly approve programme 14 (Economic and social development in Africa) of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, subject to the following modifications:

(a) Paragraph 14.4:

Add the following new subparagraph (h): "To work towards complementing and enhancing the work of other organizations.";

(b) Paragraph 14.9:

(i) In subparagraph 14.9 (a), in the third sentence, replace the words "training member States" with the words "assisting member States";

(ii) In subparagraph 14.9 (b), in the last sentence, after the words "and sensitizing policy makers" insert the words "and more importantly, local communities at the grass-roots level" and after the words "HIV/AIDS" replace the word "epidemic" with the words "and other epidemics, such as malaria";

(c) Paragraph 14.13:

In subparagraph 14.13 (b), in the second sentence, replace the words "creating awareness on" with the word "increasing";

(d) Paragraph 14.17:

In subparagraph 14.17 (b), after the words "*in the area of science and technology*", insert the following new sentence, "Emphasis will be placed on the promotion of indigenous technology to achieve the goal of food security and sustainable development";

(e) Paragraph 14.20:

After the words "civil society organizations" insert the words "at the national level";

(f) Paragraph 14.21:

(i) In subparagraph 14.21 (a), in the first sentence, after the words "civil society actors" insert the words "at the national level";

(ii) In subparagraph 14.21 (a), in the first sentence, replace the words "enhancing their capacity to perform watchdog functions in the fields of accountability, good governance and conflict prevention and resolution as well as in community-level development" with the words "enhancing their capacity to perform analysis and effective advocacy on public policy";

(iii) In subparagraph 14.21 (b), in the second sentence, after the words "towards norms of", replace the word "good" with the words "transparent and accountable";

(iv) In subparagraph 14.21 (b), in the last sentence after the words "public sector", replace the existing text with the words "and, in collaboration with Member States which may request it, training in transparent and accountable governance for parliamentarians";

(g) Paragraph 14.22:

(i) After the words "partnership for development and", replace the word "good" with the words "transparent and accountable";

(ii) After the words "civil society organizations", insert the words "at the national level";

(h) Paragraph 14.23:

After the words "civil society organizations", insert the words "at the national level";

(i) Paragraph 14.25:

(i) In subparagraph 14.25 (b), in the second sentence, replace the words "equitable infrastructure in order" with the words "appropriate infrastructure";

(ii) In subparagraph 14.25 (b), in the third sentence, between the word "key" and the word "sectors", insert the words "social and economic", and delete the words "(e.g., distance and on-line learning and the building of school networks)";

(iii) At the end of subparagraph 14.25 (b), add the following new sentence: "Assistance will be provided to strengthen the role of the radio as a major and most accessible means of information in the local communities";

(j) Paragraph 14.29:

In subparagraph 14.29 (b), in the first sentence, after the words "mineral and energy resources" insert the words "including solar energy";

(k) Paragraph 14.30:

Replace the existing text with the following: "14.30 Expected accomplishments would include: (a) substantial progress made at national, subregional and regional levels in the emplacement of the various institutional and functional arrangements required for the establishment of the African Economic Community; (b) enhanced capacity in member States for policy formulation and programme

development for the effective exploitation of mineral and energy resources; (c) increased, effective and harmonized utilization of transboundary water resources, as well as enhanced capacity for water resource management in member States; (d) substantial implementation of the Framework of Action adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications”;

(l) Paragraph 14.31:

Replace the existing text with the following: “14.31 Indicators of achievement would include the following: (a) the number of institutions and arrangements for enhanced integration and cooperation established by member States in their efforts to implement the provisions of the African Economic Community; (b) concrete steps taken by member States to harmonize policies and adopt programmes for the joint exploitation of mineral and energy resources; (c) number of river and lake basin organizations established and/or strengthened, as well as the extent to which member States’ capacity for water resource management is enhanced; and (d) enumeration of the positive results of the implementation of the Framework of Action for transport and communications”;

(m) Paragraph 14.33:

After the third sentence, add the following new sentence: “Efforts will be made to enhance and promote basic education for girls in national education programmes of member States”.